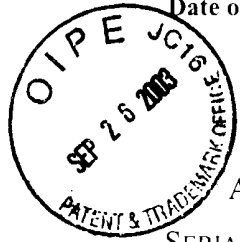


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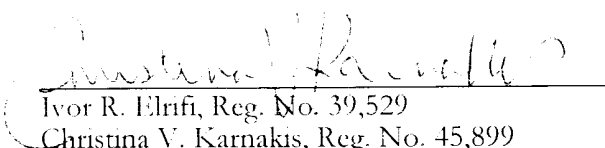
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants request a petition for a three-month extension of time pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) in which to respond to the Office Communication dated June 17, 2003. With the extension, the response is due on or before October 17, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$465.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18427-001CON A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed.

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